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FM FCO 251500Z MAY 82  
TO IMMEDIATE PARIS  
TELEGRAM NUMBER 291 OF 25 MAY  
AND TO IMMEDIATE STOCKHOLM  
INFO MODUK, UKMIS GENEVA

BRASILIA TELNO 204: ASTIZ

1. THE FRENCH AND SWEDISH EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE REFUSAL OF THE ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES AND OF ASTIZ TO ANSWER QUESTIONS EITHER PUT DIRECTLY OR THROUGH US. WE ARE HOPING TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH THE EMBASSIES TOMORROW 26 MAY IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN THE POSITION IN DETAIL AND ENSURE THAT THE FRENCH AND SWEDES FULLY UNDERSTAND THE CONSTRAINTS ON UK ACTION.
2. THE FRENCH AND SWEDES HAVE ALSO BEEN TOLD THAT ASTIZ WILL BE SENT BACK FROM ASCENSION BY SHIP TO THE UK, ARRIVING AROUND 6 JUNE, BUT THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN ABOUT REPATRIATION.
3. IF ASKED, NEWS DEPARTMENT WILL DESCRIBE THE PRESENT POSITION AND CONFIRM THAT THE FRENCH AND SWEDES HAVE BEEN INFORMED.

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